Mat-Su Monitor

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The holiday season has arrived and also the end of the fall 1979 semester. Thanks to each of you for making this a most successful year for MSCC. As our student body increases, so do our needs. We realize that there are many courses and programs not offered at Mat-Su but we are continuously striving to fulfill every need of each student.

As you depart MSCC for your holiday vacation, I wish for each of you the "Best of Life." Let someone know how much you care for them with a kiss, a hug, a smile, a tender touch. As my family and I traverse this holiday season our thoughts will be of you and our prayers for you. May God bless you with a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Alvin S. Okeson

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"This is not primarily the place where we have to be, it is the place where we are. This is not our prison but our home. It is the road we must walk and the walking of it is called life.

Because we will walk it only once, then how important it is that we should walk it with some purpose that we can call our own."

GRADUATES

If you are planning to complete your degree requirements during the spring 1980 semester, you should stop by the Counseling Office at the beginning of the semester. Graduating students must complete the application for admission, pay a $10.00 fee and also complete the application for a degree. If you have attended another college or university, you must submit a request for evaluation of transfer credit. Don't wait until it is too late. Get it together as soon as possible.

NOTE NOTE NOTE

All requests for transcripts from UAA or ACC now cost $2.00 each. No transcripts will be issued until the appropriate fee is paid.

TUTORIAL SERVICES

The Counseling Office is trying to establish a comprehensive list of potential tutors. If you would like to function as a tutor in a specific area, i.e.; Math, English, Accounting, please see Woody and get your name on the list. A "B" or higher grade average in the chosen subject is required. Tutoring services are needed in the high schools and at MSCC.

FRIENDS:

I had a Birthday Party
The number of guests were three
The only ones to attend
Were I, myself and me

I ate all of the ice cream
Myself drank all of the tea
I finished off the whole pie
And passed the cake to me

LOCAL CREDITS-BY-EXAMINATION

1. Only currently enrolled students at MSCC are eligible to request credit-by-examination through the Counseling and Testing Office. When the request is granted, the student may pay the fees for the examination at the Accounting Office and present the receipt at the Counseling and Testing Office. The cost is $15 for 3 credits.

2. Determination as to what courses are challengable rests with the appropriate departments.

3. A course challenged for credit must not duplicate a course for which credit has already been granted.

4. A person who has audited a class may not request credit via departmental examinations for that class until the subsequent academic year.

LOCAL CREDITS-BY-EXAMINATION (continued)

5. Departmental examinations may be graded pass/fail or a regular letter grade at the mutual agreement of the instructor and student.

6. Credits earned by examination are not awarded grade point averages.

7. Construction of the challenge examination is the responsibility of the appropriate department.

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Excerpts from the cook's dictionary:

"Thanksgiving = When turkeys stop gobbling and people begin"

"Liver & Onions = An example of a cook trying to make two wrongs into a right."

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INDEPENDENT STUDY
through
MATANUSKA-SUSITNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Individual (Independent) Study courses must be approved. The responsibility for registering for an independent study course rests with the student. Each independent study course must be recorded in the Admission and Records Office and must contain the approval of the teacher and the campus president.

Teacher's Responsibility:

Each teacher is aware of her/his class workload therefore she/he will determine if the workload will permit supervising an independent study course. The teacher should have the student read this letter of intent if the student plans to enroll in an independent study course.

Student's Responsibility:

The student should be aware that supervision of an independent study course is a privilege. The student will be responsible for meeting all of the teacher's requirements in order to satisfactorily complete the course. Any delay, in excess of the normal semester period, in completing an independent study course is strictly between the student and teacher. The student must initiate all contacts with the teacher and assume all responsibilities for completing the course. Coordination through the Counseling Office is required.

MSCC Administrator's Responsibility:

Once the independent study course has been satisfactorily completed and the teacher reports a grade for the student, MSCC administrative staff personnel will submit the grade(s) to the University of Alaska. Residence credit will be awarded for credit earned by a student through the independent study process.

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Life has more meaning for those people who develop an attitude of gratitude.

NETWORK

During FY 1978, the Alaska Commission on Post Secondary Education developed a comprehensive plan for the establishment of an Educational Information Centers Program. It was determined that the goal of such a program would be to collect and disseminate information about existing educational services and career opportunities in Alaska. It was also determined that the use of a local or regional approach would be the most effective in obtaining the relevant information. This process was named the Alaska NETWORK: Alaska Network of Education Training and Work Opportunity Resources Knowledge bank.

The Kenai Peninsula Borough area was the focus of the first year activities. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough was identified as the second site and will be conducting its survey from December 15, 1979, through June 30, 1980. Under the general guidance of Dr. Gene Scheer, Dean of Career Education, and with the assistance of Counselor Woody Hayes, Maureen Aakre Wolff, Project Director, will supervise the collection and analysis of the local data.

A NETWORK Steering Committee has been formed to guide the project. Members of that committee are: Leroy Davies, Montana Creek; Donald Lyon, OEDP, Inc.; Helen Lee, Job Service; Darlene Reed, HSA; Lee Wyatt, Borough Planner; Brad Snodgrass, School District; Mike Woodhead, Community Schools; Jean Swenson, BIA; and Willard Johnson, Palmer City Council.

The advantages of the NETWORK concept are numerous. The statewide exchange of educational opportunities can be accomplished. Education and work needs are addressed at a community level. Local consumer needs are identified and made known to the providers of educational-occupational opportunities. Finally, increased coordination between education and work opportunities will promote the concept of adult career development.

ADD/DROP POLICY OF MSCC

A student is expected to complete the courses in which he is enrolled. He may, if circumstances warrant, withdraw without grade penalty up to three weeks prior to the end of the semester. Students initiated withdrawals are not permitted during the last month of the semester. Elective and non-sequence courses should be dropped first. Students wishing to add courses to their schedules may do so until the late registration period.

REGISTRATION POLICY OF MSCC

Persons eligible for enrollment at the University of Alaska must complete registration according to the prescribed procedures and pay fees as determined by the University fee schedule in order to be eligible to attend classes and to earn credit. Auditors are required to register and pay appropriate fees. A registration period is held at the beginning of each regular session at times published in the official University calendar. Registration for special programs, short courses, seminars and other classes that are not part of the regular academic calendar will be arranged prior to the beginning of such sessions.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A COURSE POLICY OF MSCC

A student is expected to complete the courses in which he or she is enrolled. The student may, if circumstances warrant, withdraw from one or more classes by following the ADD/DROP procedure. Courses dropped during the first two weeks of the semester will not appear on the student's permanent record. A student wishing to withdraw from all of his classes should follow the procedure for withdrawing from the University.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE POLICY OF MSCC

Withdrawal from the University is the official discontinuance of attendance prior to the end of a semester or session. An official withdrawal procedure must be completed according to the regulations of the University.

STUDENT DISMISSAL POLICY OF MSCC

A student may be dismissed for cause at any time by the President of the University, after appropriate review.

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LOOK INTO THE FUTURE:

> If the safety pin were invented today, it would have two transistors, a regulator, an off-on switch and require a service check every six months.
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> Bits-N-Pieces

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STUDENT SERVICES

Realizing that education should be more than just attending classes, the Student Services Office at the college provides varied opportunities and supportive services that enable students to derive the greatest benefit possible from their educational experience.

A few of the services which the Office provides include:

1. Orientation activities for new students
2. Academic counseling and vocational testing
3. Personal counseling
4. Financial assistance programs
5. The promotion of high standards of student conduct

With sufficient interest from the student body a student government would be formed which could be instrumental in promoting the following services:

More day classes	Expanded curriculum
Student lounge & eating area	Student organizations, i.e.; Psy., Soc.,
Food service	Bus., Sec. Clubs
Expanded library	Guest lecturers

STUDENT SERVICES (continued)

- Increased facilities
- Cultural events
- Computer facilities
- Recreational facilities
- Job placement
- College credit outreach
- Consumer training programs
- Courses/services in health care
- Family life planning programs
- Retirement planning programs
- Minority & special interest group programs
- Public forums
- Workshops, conferences
- In-plant training programs, ie; business/industry
- Local performing arts groups
- Job skills upgrade programs
- Annual course scheduling for increased college planning
- Multi-media courses, ie; TV, newspapers
- Tutorial assistance programs